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TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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TAGS: VE, NI

SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN CONGRESS PROTEST OVER US CONGRESSIONAL  
STUDY

REF: CARACAS 10122

1. IN VIEW OF RESOLUTION APPROVED BY DELEGATED COMMITTEE  
OF THE VENEZUELAN CONGRESS (REFTEL), DEPUTY ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY LUERS ON OCTOBER 9 CALLED ON CONGRESSMAN LEE  
HAMILTON, SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS OF THE HOUSE  
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. HAMILTON HAD ORIGINALLY  
ASKED FOR THE STUDY ON MILITARY ACTION AGAINST VENEZUELAN  
OIL FIELDS. LUERS EXPLAINED TO HAMILTON THE BACKGROUND OF  
VENEZUELAN REACTION AND PASSED HIM A COLLECTION OF QUOTES  
FROM EMBASSY CABLES CITING PUBLIC COMMENTS. HAMILTON HAD NOT  
HEARD OF THE VENEZUELAN REACTION. HE WAS SURPRISED AND DIS-  
HEARTENED THAT THE VENEZUELAN HAD REACTED WITH SUCH MIS-  
UNDERSTANDINGS SINCE HIS STUDY WAS PRECISELY TO DEMONSTRATE  
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HIS OWN SENSE THAT MILITARY ACTION AGAINST VENEZUELA WOULD

BE UNFEASIBLE AND UNDESIRABLE. LUERS SUGGESTED THAT CONGRESSMAN HAMILTON MIGHT WRITE DIRECTLY TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE DELEGATED COMMITTEE TO EXPLAIN THE BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY AND TO ASSURE THE VENEZUELAN CONGRESS THAT THE AMERICAN CONGRESS IS NOT PROMOTING UNFRIENDLY ACTS AGAINST

VENEZUELA.

2. CONGRESSMAN HAMILTON WAS RESPONSIVE TO THE SUGGESTION. HE SAID HE WOULD PREPARE SUCH A LETTER, TRANSMIT IT DIRECTLY TO VENEZUELA AND PROVIDE LUERS A COPY FOR TRANSMITTAL TO EMBASSY CARACAS. KISSINGER

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